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Subject: PCB Light Ballasts in Bellevue Day Care

I just spoke with Steve Reimer, the chemist who is analyzing the samples from the light ballasts. He said the majority of the samples taken contain some level of PCBs, most commonly Arachlor 1254. The concentrations he has been able to <u>partially</u> quantify range from 1% to 75%. He found evidence of PCBs in the carpet wipe sample. Because of the high concentration of PCBs in the samples, it will be at least several days before he can provide specific percentages.

Here is what I think we can safely tell any one who asks:

- 1) We took 19 samples. Most of the samples contain some form and some concentration of PCBs.
- 2) Some of the samples analyzed contain high levels of PCBs.
- 3) Material from the light fixtures has dripped onto the carpet in at least one spot and a sample of the carpet from this area contains some level of PCBs.
- 3) We cannot discuss our analytical data in greater detail until the analyses have been completed and reviewed.

I will be out of office next Monday and Tuesday. Please contact Steve directly if you need more information.

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